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In re Patent Application of:
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For: CABLE TRANSPORT SYSTEM AND
METHOD FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING
SPOOLS

Examiner: J. W. Keenan

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW IN
ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §713.04**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative during the telephone interview conducted on July 15, 2008. An Interview Summary was made of record as Paper No. 20080715.

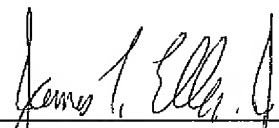
During the interview, Applicant's representative discussed amending independent claims 1 and 7 to recite subject matter set forth in dependent claim 9. In addition, Applicant's representative commented that it would not be obvious to modify Schwein with the teachings of Love because Schwein is already capable of accommodating different sized spools. In particular, because frame 49 pivots at the connector assembly 51, the bale connector assembly 68 can be easily positioned at different heights. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 2, the bale connector assemblies 68 are designed to swing into engagement with a bale, whereas the rack of Love is constrained to move in a vertical direction.

The Examiner agreed that amending the independent claims as described above appear to define over the cited combination, but would require further consideration. The claims have been amended in the manner discussed during the interview, and are believed to place the application into condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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